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Letter dated 2 January 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the presidential statement dated 19 December 2001 (S/PRST/2001/39), by which the Security Council extended the mandate of the Expert Panel on the Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources and Other Forms of Wealth of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for a period of six months and requested the Expert Panel to submit an interim report after three months and a final report at the end of its mandate.

Accordingly, I should like to renominate Ambassador Mahmoud Kassem (Egypt) to continue to chair the Expert Panel. I should also like to recommend the renomination, as Panel members, of Mujahed Alam (Pakistan), Mel Holt (United States of America) and Moustapha Tall (Senegal) and intend to propose two new members whose names will be forwarded to you shortly. The Expert Panel would continue to retain its technical adviser, Gilbert Barthe (Switzerland), and a part-time technical adviser whose name will also be forwarded to you.

The reconstituted Expert Panel is expected to reassemble in late January 2002, either in Nairobi or here in New York, and start its work soon after.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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